



ATA CARNET

THE INDIAN EXPERIENCE

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ATA Carnet in India



- From the Indian perspective, ATA carnet has become a very potent instrument for foreign investors since India is fast emerging as a destination for many global events
- Indians are also expanding their reach to different countries by diversifying and globalising their products
- Thus on both the counts, the Indian experience on Carnets has been extremely encouraging.



Operationalization by Indian Customs

- Accession to Convention in 1989;
- Operationalized by Notification 157/90 Customs, as amended.
- Initially in India, ATA System dealt with only those goods covered under the Fairs and Exhibitions Convention of CCC (1961). However, with effect from 1st March, 2002, the Government vide Notification No. 24/2002– Cus extended the scope of ATA carnet to cover meeting, conference or congress organized by any company or organization.

What are covered in India:



Goods intended for display or demonstration and Goods intended for use in connection with display of foreign products are covered if they are for events given below:

1. Any event held in public interest and is sponsored or approved by GOI or India Trade Promotion Organisation

- a. Trade, industrial, agricultural or crafts exhibition, fair, or similar show or display.
- b. Exhibition or meeting which is primarily organised for a charitable purpose.
- c. Exhibition or meeting which is primarily organised to promote any branch of learning, art, craft, sport or scientific, educational or cultural activity to promote friendship between peoples, or to promote religious knowledge or worship.
- d. Meeting of representatives of any international group of organisations.
- e. Representative meeting of an official of commemorative character.

The events specified in this Schedule do not include exhibitions organised for private purposes in shops or business premises with a view to promote the sale of foreign goods.

2. Goods used for display or demonstration A) before any department of Central Government or a State Government or a Union Territory Administration.

OR B) in a meeting, conference or congress organized by any company or organization.

Authorized Custom Ports

- Number of ports increased to eight:

1. New Delhi
2. Mumbai
3. Bangalore
4. Ahmedabad
5. Cochin
6. Chennai
7. Hyderabad
8. Kolkatta



Operationalisation - procedures

- Goods to be re-exported within a period of 6 months further extendable by another 6 months by the Customs.
- Sale/disposal allowed on payment of applicable duties.
- ATA Carnet (Form of Bill of Entry & Shipping Bill) Regulations, 1990 notified.

FICCI

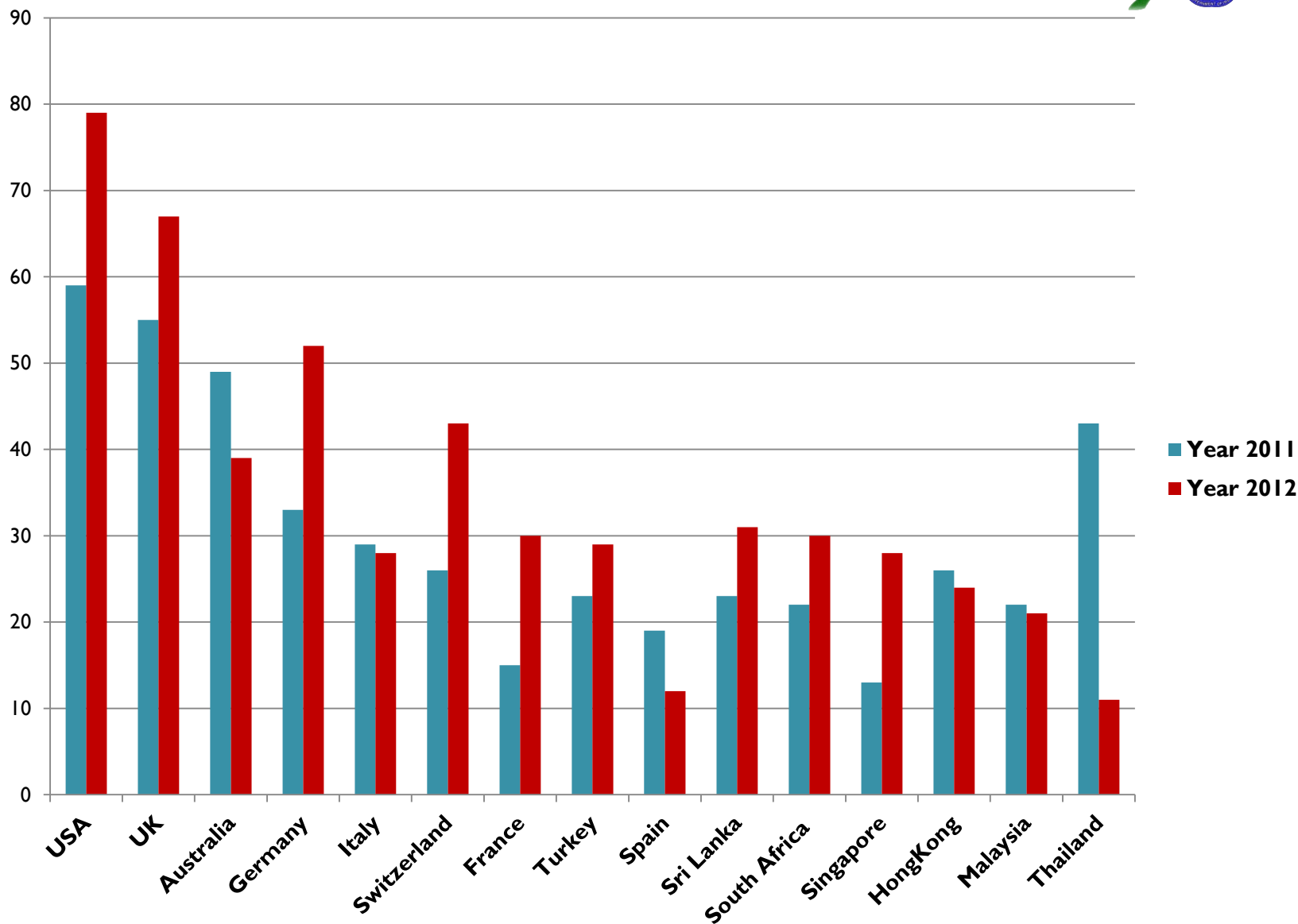


- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is the only National Issuing and Guaranteeing Association (NIGA) in India.
- Like all NIGAs, it
 - Issues and Endorses Carnets.
 - Guarantees the payment of duties and taxes to customs authorities (both domestic and foreign) that present valid claims.
 - Works closely with the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India and Customs for smooth functioning of ATA Carnet



Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India

Top Countries for which carnets issued 2011 & 2012



Major commodities

- Pearls, precious stones, metals
- Instruments, Tools & tool holders of various kinds
- Machinery & Mechanical appliances
- Electrical Machinery
- Plastics, Iron and steel, furniture and silk, art and antique items

Feedback & Way Forward



- Automation of reconciliation
- Extending the benefits to temporary admission of professional equipments, subject to necessary conditions and to more parties
- Stake holder consultations



To sum up, in the current global scenario, I can confidently say that the Indian experience on ATA Carnet has been extremely good in making Customs administrative issues simpler on these matters and making temporary movement of goods faster easier and hassle free across borders.



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